The Malampuzha project has been postponed till the requirements of other districts more in need of irrigation have been attended to.

(b) & (c) The Government have received a report on the subject from the Chief Engineer for Irrigation. The matter is still under consideration.

Investigation of the Bandaganepalli Mekabanda project.

*897 Q.—Mr. B. RAMACHANDRA REDDI: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that the Bandaganepalli Mekabanda project in Udayagiri taluk, Nellore district, was investigated some years back, and that estimates have been prepared during the tenure of Mr. MacLean as the District Collector;

(b) if so, why it was not given effect to, and at what stage the matter stands now;

(c) whether it is a fact that that project is intended to benefit eight or nine villages in Udayagiri taluk; and

(d) whether the Government will be pleased to call for detailed information as to the possibilities of the project and place it on the table of the House?

A.—A copy of the Executive Engineer's report [a] No. 1961 M., dated 13th November 1928, explaining the circumstances under which the scheme was abandoned is laid on the table.

Mr. B. RAMACHANDRA REDDI:—"In the appendix attached to this question, we find that the figures have been varying from 1,338 acres to 220 acres and from 220 acres to 76 acres. May I request the hon. the Revenue Member to cause a reinvestigation of the whole scheme?"

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS:—"It has been investigated five or six times."

Irrigation schemes in Kollegal taluk.

*898 Q. Mr. C. V. VENKATARAMANA AYYANGAR: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether any satisfactory progress has been made regarding the irrigation schemes in Kollegal taluk of the Coimbatore district and at what stage each of the schemes is;

(b) whether there has been a proposal to construct a bridge over the Onnalai river near Kollegal and to put sluices with a niche to take water from the river to the tanks below and, if so, in what stage that matter is;

(c) whether the Gundal river supplies water to several tanks in or near Coimbatore and whether the quantity of water in the river has been very much reduced on account of the existence of dams across the river and tributaries near the source put up by Mr. Morris, the owner of the Athikal estate; and, if so, whether the Government have considered the desirability of having those dams removed; and

(d) whether the Government have before them any proposal of immediately taking on hand one or more of the irrigation schemes in view of a long series of years of drought in that taluk?

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[a] Printed as Appendix X on pages 534–535 infra.